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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Central Reference

SUBJECT: Open Source Literature

1. For the past five (5) years, the National Photographic Interpretation Center has found unclassified "open source" material to be of great value in exploiting various types of photographic intelligence materials. For example, we have used this material extensively in identification, exploitation (comparison purposes, scale checking, town plan preparation) and mensuration.

2. Samples of this type of material were shown to the DD/I on 9 March 1961; the utilization thereof in NPIC was also discussed. Mr. Amory's reaction appeared favorable and his interest induced me to send this memorandum to you.

3. Although exploitation and control of this material has been somewhat superficial, it is felt that great value to the intelligence effort could be obtained by a more thorough exploitation. It is imperative that procurement of this type of intelligence material be continued.

4. If you are interested, I will be happy to display for you the same materials shown to the DD/I.

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